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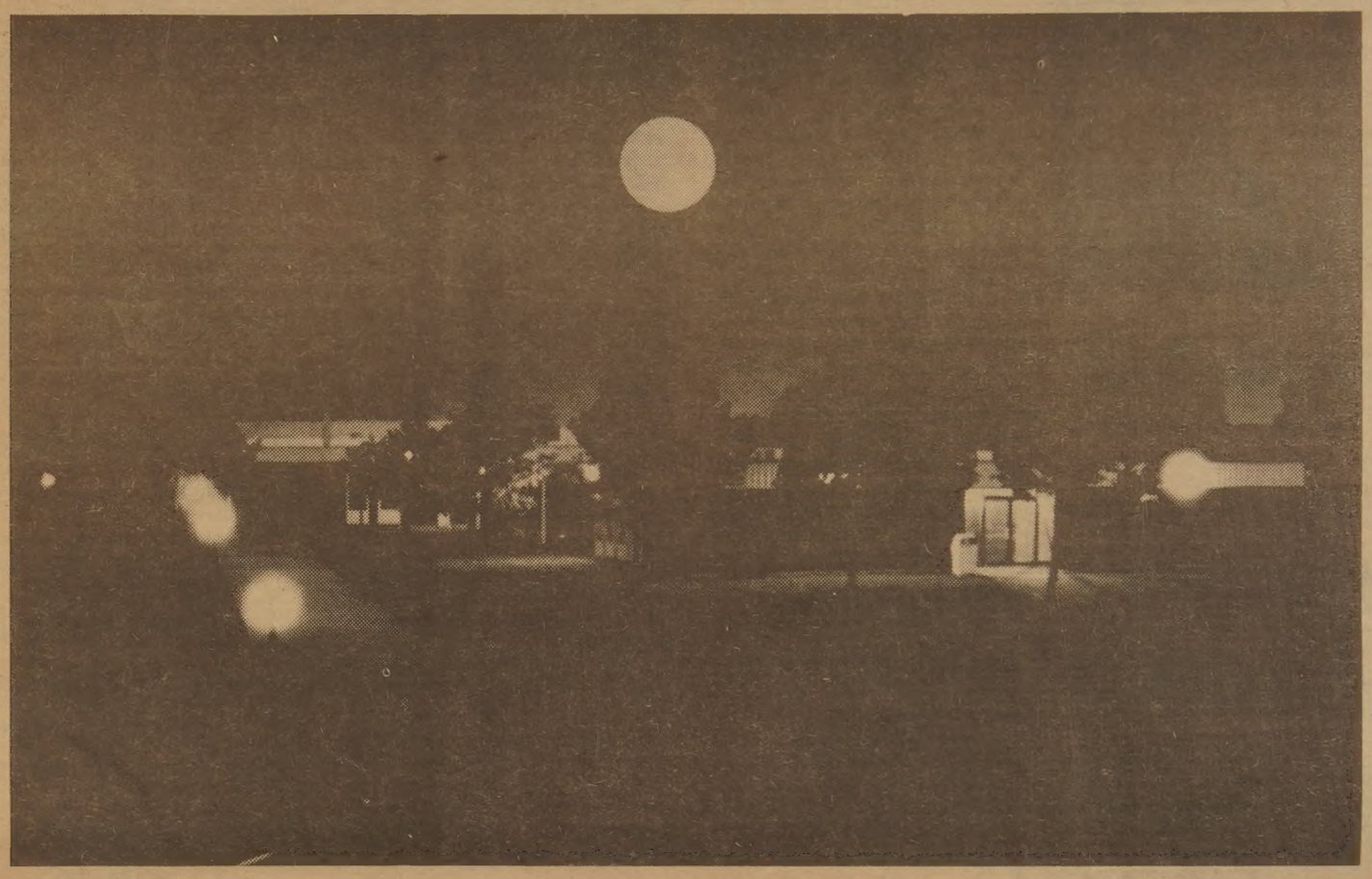

Shine on, Harvest moon

With the arrival of Halley's comet being disucussed by astronomers, more and more eyes are being focused on the heavens. But no scene can compare with a big bright Harvest Moon as it crosses the fall sky. The full moon, in this shot by Gordon Lawson, journalism photography instructor, could not have been in the western sky over the Black Walnut Building, however. A little darkroom magic was used to create the scene. Nevertheless, it's still "Shine on, Harvedst Moon.,"

Insurance keeps pubs off campus

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

The future of on-campus pubs at Niagara remains in the hands of the Board of Governors.

An expensive liability insurance policy purchased by the Student Administrative Council is the major stumbling block keeping SAC pubs off campus.

SAC purchased a $6 million liability insurance policy (costing $4,750) when it was informed that the college was no longer able to provide insurance for on-campus pub activities.

The Board of Governors was to have decided on the suitability of the policy at its monthly meeting Sept. 26 but it was not discussed and not on the agenda.

"They want the policy bought and paid for, in writing and with the college named co-insured before they will bring it up at the board meeting," John Turner, SAC president, said.

NO BANDS BOOKED

Ann Buller, activities co-ordinator, said no live bands have been booked to perform "and it's still in the dark when the first pub could be held here.

"We don't expect any problems but the Board of Governors could still say we don't have enough insurance and we will have to start all over."

The decision is now expected to come after the board's administrative affairs committee discusses the issue Oct. 17. If it agrees that the policy is adequate, the Board of Governors as a whole will still have to approve it Oct. 24 before SAC can organize a pub.

"It looks like we will be into November before something can be planned for on campus," John said. "We still have to figure out how many will be held here, but it looks like a minimum of five and a maximum of 10."

No money, no movies: Adams

There will not be any SAC movies for a while until money is collected to pay a repair bill for the replacement of tubes inside the movie projector.

The media department has asked SAC to pay half of $4,600, the cost to fix the projector, Tony Adams, operations supervisor for the media department, said. An initial $800 has already been paid to the repair company to fix the projector's circuit board. It would cost $16,000 to buy a new projector, Mr. Adams said.

SAC will discuss the request at its next meeting. If SAC should decide against the request, there are not likely to be any more movies shown this year.

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Board borrows $294,789

Deficit may curtail programs if funding policy continues

By WAYNE NICHOLLS
Staff Writer

Niagara College finished with a deficit for the year ending March 31 and could be forced to cut some programs if the trend continues over the next few years.

Gary Larose, executive director of administrative services, presented the financial statement to the Board of Governors at its monthly meeting. It states the college had to borrow $294,789 from its operating fund reserve to cover increased costs. Unless the Ministry of Colleges and Universities changes its funding scheme, "the reserve will have to be dipped into again this year."

This is not the first time the college ended its fiscal year with expenditures over revenue, but "we usually have a surplus," Mr. LaRose said. "I don't know if it's a problem this year but if it continues over the next three years we will have a big problem."

Decreased enrolment at Niagara is causing most of the problem because the college receives a post-secondary government grant based on enrolment figures from the two previous years.

"If negative growth continues and the ministry doesn't change its funding policy we would have to curtail or cut back some programs," Mr.LaRose said.

SPENT $31 MILLION

The financial statement indicates the college spent $31,145,152 last year, an increase of $1,481,418 over 1984's statement.

The Board of Governors had originally approved an allocation of $478,000 from the operating fund reserve but some unexpected government revenue helped to offset the original projected deficit, Mr. Larose said. The federal government purchased more seats in the various programs than originally thought and some new college projects, funded by the province, included a contribution to the overhead costs.

The college operating fund reserve, developed through the years from a surplus of revenue, now sits at just over $1 million.

This year the college will receive a post-secondary grant of 1.09 per cent more than last year, not enough considering that teachers' salaries, utility costs, health insurance premiums and various other expenditures associated with running a college will rise, Mr. LaRose said.

"It bothers me that we had to take money from the reserve fund, of course, but where there is life there is hope,"Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said. "There were extra costs associated with the teachers' strike we won't have this year."

The financial consequences of the strike contributed to the deficit although the college "probably would have finished the year in an expenditure over revenue situation anyway." Mr. LaRose said.

The operating grant for '84-85 was reduced by $308,102, up to March 31. This consisted of $709,105 of unspent payroll during the strike — offset by $401,003 of special allowances.

Extra expenditures during and after the strike were increased security, lost tuition fees, a longer school year and extra hiring of part-time teachers for summer courses, he said.

3 Niagara papers ready for show

Nick Ciolfi of Niagara will present a paper to the First Canadian Programmable Control Conference and Exhibition in the Hamilton Convention Centre Nov. 20 and 21.

Mr. Ciolfi, program co-ordinator of the mechanical technology program, will present a paper on robot programming at the trade show sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Richard Hirst, a computer technology graduate, and Dennis Faganin, a mechanical technology graduate, will both present reports as well.

Monica Augustine ponders future as an artist while gazing at artist Douglas Boutilier's painting, Girl Wading, at the Hennepin Art Gallery.

Photo by Angela Colosimo

Hennepin art gallery features OCA grad

By ANGELA COLOSIMO
Staff Writer

With a careful hand each dot is precisely applied; each stroke gently brushed. He strives for a sense of enchantment so the barren canvas becomes a masterpiece in his artistic world.

This month the Hennepin Art Gallery is presenting artist Douglas Boutilier's works in casein and eggs tempera.

The show includes the Niagara Falls artist's painting in pointillism dry brush and preliminary sketches showing the development of the final canvas.

Douglas Boutilier, 38, 4951 River Rd., Niagara Falls, has been painting full-time since his graduation from the Ontario College of Art in Toronto in 1972.

"With today's technology, we seem to dehuminize everything," he said. "Through my work I try to create a world that can be explored by the viewer."

Mr. Boutilier is inspired by 15th century painters. He admires the way Italian painter Pierro della Francesca mapped everything and the sense of enchantment found in French painter Balthus' work.

Using casein, a paint binded with milk curds, and egg tempera, a paint mixed with egg yolk, Mr. Boutilier creates work with pointillism and dry brush techniques. It takes an average of three months to complete a painting.

Hennepin Art Gallery hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday and Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

'Visual extravaganza'

Insect Comedy opens to relief of students

By MARIE CHAMBERLAND
Staff Writer

An eight-foot-long cigarette butt and a five-foot-wide beer bottle cap may seem like over-sized flashbacks from the night before, but they're not.

They're landmarks from the perspective of beetles and bugs in the Niagara College Theatre Centre production of The Insect Comedy.

The play runs from Oct. 22 to Nov. 2, at the Theatre Centre, 54 Empire St., Welland.

Technical director Doug Rathbun described the theme of the story, written by Josef and Karel Capec in 1922, as a "strong attack on the society of their day."

Each act features an allegory representing different aspects of human society, he said. In Act 1, the romance and humor of life are portrayed, while morality and war are portrayed in the next two acts.

The Insect Comedy was to run at the Theatre Centre last October, but the teachers strike halted production a few days before the opening. Mr. Rathbun said it devastated the morale of everyone involved. Larry Jones, a third-year student, said the emotional impact of having things called off so close to opening night was "like hitting a brick wall."

This year, the Insect Comedy will be "a visual extravaganza for sets, props, and lighting," Mr. Rathbun said. The Play's message is universal, and it will interest adults as well as children.

Fall frost fest hits Niagara

Jack Frost has hit just in time for the Fall Frost Fest, Oct. 21 to 25. SAC has organized several events throughout the week to get students in the mood for fall.

The week of festivities will begin with a Rocky Horror picture show at the Aquaduck Oct. 21. The show will begin at 9 p.m. costing $2.

There will be a pumpkin carving contest on Tuesday and an Octoberfest II pub at the Library Wednesday for which bus transportation will be provided. The most originally carved pumpkin will be the winner.

Students can nominate their friends for the Turkey of the Year award by filling out nomination forms at the SAC office. A scavenger hunt will be held throughout the week. Teams which sign up at the SAC office will be given a list of articles to hunt for. The team which finds the most articles by Friday will win a Texas Mickey.

Refunds for coffee drinkers

Refunds for frustrated college coffee drinkers who lost money or did not receive a full cup are available through the cafeteria or servicemen who monitor the vending machines daily.

Dental hygiene clinics offered free to public

Two dental clinics will open in late October for students and the general public needing dental care.

A dental hygiene clinic will be open to youths under 16 from October to December and adults 17 and over from January to June 1986. There are no fees for this clinic.

Begining Nov. 11 a restorative clinic will be open three full days for four consecutive weeks. Patients must have an examination before their appointment. Fees for this clinic are minimal.

Patient appointments will be three hours in length for the hygienist clinics and about one hour in length for restorative.

These clinics educate dental hygiene and dental assistant students to better their skills, Mary Catherine Gauvreau, clinic technician, said. "We need people from the community to volunteer their time to be patients," Mrs. Gauvreau said.

Dental hygiene students perform X-rays, examinations, cleanings, fluoride treatments and make impressions for mouthguards under the supervision of a licensed dentist and hygienist. In restorative clinics a licensed dentist is assisted by dental assistant students when filling teeth.

Student's help needed for NBMA activities

With a theme of Let's Talk Business, an organizing committee is arranging excursions and lectures for the business club this year.

The Niagara Business Management Association committee members are: Dino Giammarco, president; Christine Lesdow, executive vice-president; Suzanne Dirksen, secretary; Vince Ferro, vice-president of marketing; John Croce, vice-president of finance; and Charlie Porcelli, vice-president of current affairs.

The NBMA provides its members with the opportunity to take part in informative trips, interesting lectures by guest speakers and all social aspects of college life.

Through fund-raising events, Dino is hoping costs for events will be lowered.

"The club requires the cooperation of the students," he said.

A registration fee of $5 entitles members to participate in NBMA activities and events at reduced rates.

NBMA meetings are held Tuesdays in ME 203 at 12:10. New members are welcome.

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A girl's best friend

Three-year old Erin and her dog, Holly, three months, were the youngest participants in the Oct. 6 first annual walk-a-dog-a-thon. Sponsored by the Lions Club and Vision Canada, the 10-kilometre walk raised money to train seeing eye dogs for the blind in the Niagara Region.

Photo by Elizabeth LeReverend

New rules for election practices result of '85 polling problems

New rules governing general election practices will be developed by a special committee consisting of two Student Administrative Council representatives and Dr. Nora McCardell, executive director of educational and student services.

The new rules come as a result of 1985 election problems after a polling station was closed two hours early April 9.

Last spring's incident was "something like lightning; you hope that it only strikes once and never comes back again," Ken Winer, SAC internal vice-president, said.

The poll was re-opened April 15 for two hours and upset the earlier presidential win of independent candidate Thomas Stockwell. John Turner, the MASH (Making All Students Happy) candidate, clinched a five-vote victory but no other positions were affected.

Ann Buller, activities co-ordinator, and Ken are working on revising the rules. An election handbook outlining rules, qualifications, job descriptions and time required for each position, should be put together and rules for polling stations hammered out, Ken said.

UP TO SAC

SAC must come up with set guidelines for elections at Niagara, Dr. McCardell said. "It's a SAC election run by SAC."

The election process has become "more sophisticated." Past election practices did not meet the needs.

A general revamping of the entire system will bring better organization and less confusion to the election process, Ann said. Ken and Ann are working on an "election package" which may contain all rules and regulations, a nomination form, the election schedule, and a statement of responsibility to be signed by each candidate. The statement and a security deposit of $10 will show that a candidate is really interested, Ann said.

Rules concerning the monitoring of polling stations will be revised and written down, Ann said. Poll clerks will be briefed on what they have to do.

Ken and Ann hope to complete the revision by December; meanwhile they will bring initial drafts to Dr. McCardell for further consultation.

232 Niagara students receive majority card

Two hundred and thirty-two students bought identification cards on the Age of Majority day sponsored by the Student Administrative Council Sept. 26. Two representatives from the Liquor Control Board of Ontario were on campus to produce the cards for the students, Ann Buller, activities programmer, said.

Between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., students 19 and over were given the opportunity to buy an age of majority card for $1. Students were charged a minimal fee to help offset the cost. The student council hired the LCBO for the day at a flat rate of $150, plus expenses.

The LCBO representatives showed SAC members how to check students' identification, and two student volunteers, Michele Delongchamp and Sterling Aube, took the photos with a special LCBO camera.

After identification was checked, students were asked to fill out an application which was inserted into the camera. The camera took a picture of the form and the person simultaneously and reproduced them on a card which was laminated with another machine, then checked for accuracy before being given to the student. The representatives checked finished cards for errors and, if mistakes were found, the cards were destroyed and the procedure repeated.

No interest cancels Shinerama

Only three students signed up to participate in the third annual Student Administrative Council Shinerama this year, Sandy Kamphuis, vice-president of external affairs, said. The SAC Shinerama was cancelled due to lack of student interest.

Sandy is thinking of suggesting to next year's vice-president to leave it open as to whether the Student Administrative Council wants to have it or not, she said, and if they do, to make it mandatory for first year students to take part. Fifty other colleges and universities across Canada already do.

The SAC fund-raising event gives student volunteers an opportunity to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis research by shining shoes at malls in the Niagara region. It was to take place on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Last year 25 to 30 students signed up and raised $1,400.

Encourage women in technology: Jackie

Women should be encouraged to take science and math courses in early grades to acquire preliminary education required for technical and vocational careers, Jacqueline Robarts, college president, said.

Women are an important resource, Miss Robarts said last Thursday. "Fifty-one per cent of the world population is women." It is necessary to "educate women in areas where they can make a decent wage."

Miss Robarts was one of three women who participated in an educational exchange conference for Canada and the developing world on technical and vocational education in Vancouver last week. She was invited to facilitate a workshop on the role of women in these areas.

The conference examined the current and future role of technical and vocational education in the developing world and Canada, Miss Robarts said.

Discussion concentrated on four areas: an environmental scan on the role of education and training in economic growth; a survey of educational delivery systems and curriculum development; an analysis of financial models being used now in use; and an examination of institutional staffing concerns.

Miss Robarts told the conference what Canada is trying to do to prepare women with technical and vocational skills. Miss Robarts feels female role models should be evolved. Women are less apt to apply to the school of technology because it is dominated by male students and male teachers, she said.

About 60 nations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean sent representatives to join 75 Canadians representing community colleges, technical institutes, provincial and federal governments, and selected representatives from the private sector.

Senate sets new goals

Organizing more activities and getting involved with the main campus are two goals the Welland Vale Senate hopes to achieve, Jim Pringle, senate president, said.

"We have to open up the communications with the students here and at the main campus," Jim said. "We have to have unity, get together and exchange ideas and make it work for the students."

Jim, a second-year welding student, replaces Betty Kuruziak as president. He was events chairperson last year and said this experience will help him out as president.

The entire senate was chosen by acclamation on Sept. 25. Joining Jim are Mark Williston, vice-president; George Sinclair, executive chairman of events; Fred Martin, treasurer; Debbie Luken, assistant chairperson of events; Melissa Mitchell, treasurer and Donna Wood, secretary.

A PROBLEM

Because of continuous intake of students many students are not at Welland Vale long enough to get involved with other students and school activities.

"We are not here just for the schooling," Jim said. "Students should get to know the people and get involved in the activities and have some fun."

"It's a hard school to get students involved because they have family obligations to attend to when classes are finished," George Sinclair, executive chairman of events, said.

"A survey polling sheet is going to be sent to each class to fill out and see if students are willing to participate in school activities and the types of activities they are interested in."

"The reward of seeing people getting involved is a real thrill for me," Jim said. "It makes me feel good to see that I have helped.

"My purpose is to get the students involved so they can look forward to coming to school the next day. With a lot of work, I know that this senate will be the best that the school has ever seen."

Chinese delegates visit Niagara

A five-member delegation from China came to Niagara College Sept. 27 to discuss management training techniques. On the day's agenda was a meeting with several college officials, including Jacqueline Robarts, right, college president.

Photo by Sean Condon

Editorials

Funding off base

It's unfair that college funding is based on enrolments which are at least two years old.

This college is a victim of the current set-up. The specific victims are the students of the Ambulance and Emergency Health Care program.

Employers in today's world look upon practical experience as a necessity.

In an attempt to keep up with the ever advancing educational system, the students have been organizing various fund-raising campaigns in an effort to purchase their own ambulance.

Because Niagara College has strict budget restrictions, it cannot afford to purchase the ambulance.

To the credit of the students they have taken matters into their own hands. Eight students participated in the recent Grape and Wine Festival Run for pledges, while other students in the program assisted St. John Ambulance.

Georgian College received a 16 per cent budget increase this year, while Niagara's funding dropped to one per cent.

A fixed ceiling should be put on the individual college funding at say 10 per cent and the remaining funds could be given to the colleges in need. Granted some of the colleges would not receive much of an increase if they are sharing leftover percentages, but it's better than having a decrease.

J. Angus Gillespie

Extend bus hours

About 150 Niagara College students require full-time busing and 25 ride on a part-time basis.

Practices for varsity sports are held after 4:45 p.m. when classes finish and the buses leave at 5 p.m.

Some students are fortunate enough to be able to get a ride home from practices, but those who can't are barred from playing on a team or even trying out.

It is only fair that every student have an equal opportunity to participate in the college's extra-curricular sports. If some students are denied this right, our teams can only suffer.

A bus costs $100 a day. Too costly, the college thinks, to merit having a late bus for the number of students who would use it.

Cost is always a factor to be considered, but does the college have the right to say, "We've decided that it's not worth "X dollars" to give certain students an equal opportunity to participate in varsity sports"?

Perhaps a smaller, less costly van could be hired in place of a late bus; even a taxi could do the job if numbers are that low. There is a fair solution.

The mere idea that a Canadian educational institution can discriminate against students because of where they live seems archaic and is unbecoming of this day and age.

Heather Ritchie

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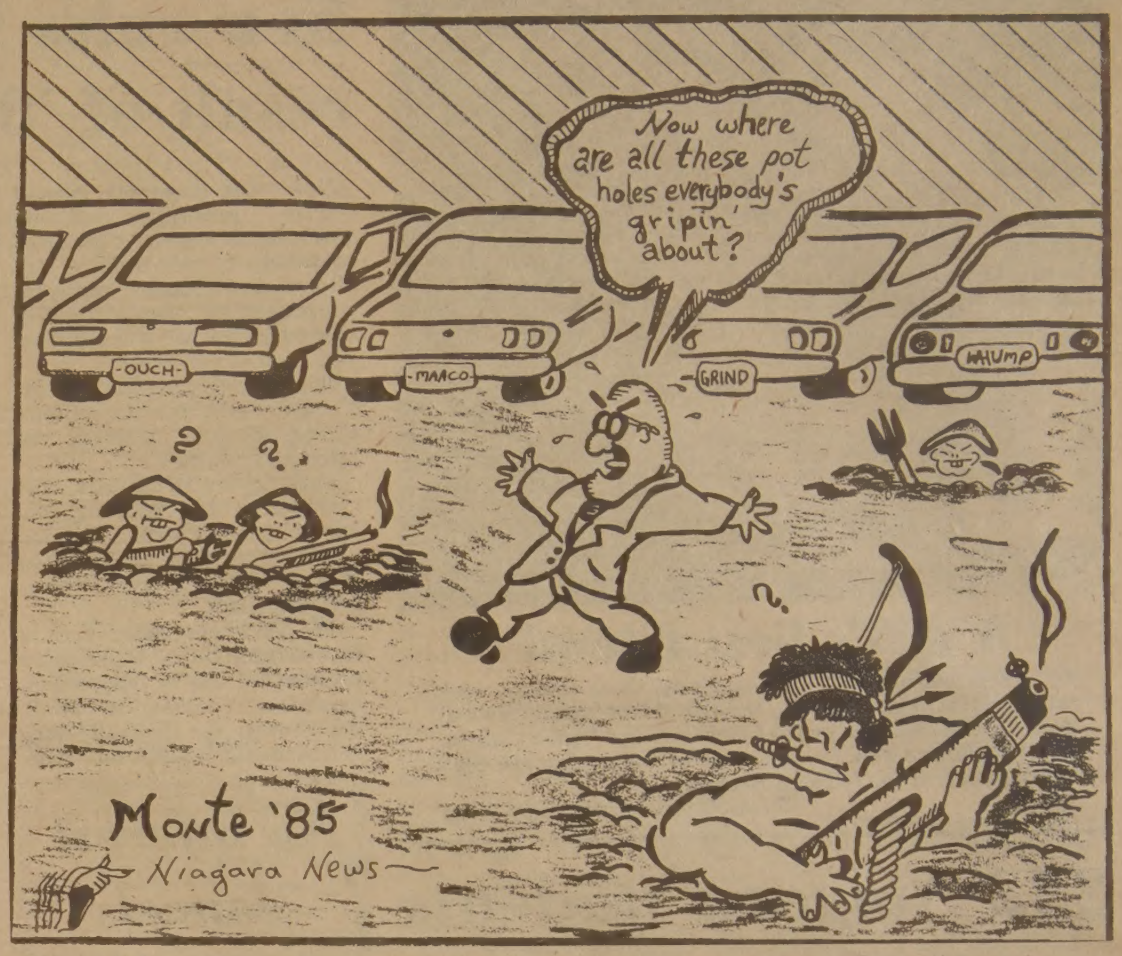


Bullpit

Election booboo last year, rules adjusted this year

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

It looks as if the rules governing the Student Administrative Council elections will be revised this year. Election organizers have said the new guidelines will bring better organization and less confusion to the process. So, what was wrong with the rules used for last year's election?

Nothing, really. The old rules were clear, if followed properly.

Three written complaints were submitted after last year's election day. The SAC constitution provides for a tribunal comprising two SAC members and the chief returning officer of the election to pass official judgment on written complaints. The constitution says tribunal decisions are to be based on election rules outlined in the constitution and, for anything not covered by the constitution, the Ontario Elections Act.

Of the three complaints submitted last year, only one pointed to direct violations of the Ontario Elections Act. It was the only complaint which was not given an official decision by election officials. The reason given was that a proper amount of time and people was not available to call a tribunal into the complaint; yet a less specific complaint filed only two days earlier was given a tribunal.

The only problem with last year's election was the election officials made their own bed but refused to lie in it. But who wants to lie on a bed of nails?

There is no need for revised election rules. There is only a need for officials willing to read the rules properly before making a decision which could affect the outcome of an election.

Subsidizing extra busing too costly

Niagara College has never had late buses to accommodate students who wished to stay for extra-curricular activities such as varsity sports.

The college decided that it was too expensive to spend $100 a day on a late bus for the number of students using it, Lou DiMattio, executive secretary to the director of student services, said.

Disaster site now campus

A pile of ashes, $250,000 damage and 500 people out of work were the results of St. Catharines worst fire.

On May 28, 1900, a Welland Vale plant, producing bicycles called "Perfect", "Garden City" and "Dominion" was totally destroyed.

Eighty-five years later, along the banks of Twelve Mile Creek, sits Welland Vale campus, on the site on which the fire occurred.

The Welland Vale plant was rebuilt and despite two more fires, in 1936 and 1946, it remained the top in the hand tool and farm implement field until the True Temper Company took over in 1960. Within five years the plant closed, putting nearly 500 workers out of work.

The question of what to do with an old abandoned factory building was solved in 1966 when the Lincoln County Board purchased it for an educational facility.

The building was sold to Niagara College in 1968 and soon became the heart of operations for Niagara College's Continuing Education course.

In 1970, Education Minister William Davis opened Niagara College's Adult Learning Centre.

Welland Vale is situated along the old Welland Canal, near Lock 2, where the most devastating fire in St. Catharines' history took place 85 years ago. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

TELL ME ABOUT IT

The average person will walk about 70,000 miles during his or her lifetime. That's three times around the world.

Letter to the editor

Words of praise for staff

To Mike Collins, English Department, Niagara College:

It was certainly nice to visit the Niagara College yesterday, it made me a bit envious to be a student again. It also, again, reinforced how fortunate we Canadians are. The best school in Nepal, where I have just worked for four years, does not have one tenth your facilities. Your teachers and students are indeed fortunate to be able to teach and study in such wonderful facilities and surroundings.

I would sincerely like to thank you Mike for arranging my program at Niagara College. I did enjoy meeting with the various student classes. Please convey to Mr. Jim Nicholas, Mrs. A. Fic, Ms. Karen Moreau-Petti and Mr. Austin Jelbert, my appreciation for making their classes available to me. I hope they gained some knowledge about USC and some insights into the difficulties in trying to reach the poor in developing countries.

I shall be visiting St. Catharines again next year and look forward to visiting the College again.

Yours sincerely,
Pat Phillips
Program Officer

Focus on buying cars

Making it simple task

By HEATHER JARDEN
Staff Writer

Eva Longhurst has been travelling about the peninsula giving seminars on how to purchase an automobile.

"There are many things to bear in mind when buying or leasing," Mrs. Longhurst, an employee of Ed Learn Ford, 375 Ontario St., St.Catharines, said.

Mrs. Longhurst, 35, has been selling cars for 1½ years. She was inspired by a course she took at Niagara College, an introduction to non-traditional jobs for women.

When looking for a car, buyers should decide on the size of engine they want in their car. This could be a four, six or eight cylinder engine depending on the amount of power and pick-up the buyer wants. A small engine is more economical.

The number of doors should be taken into consideration. Buyers should figure out how many passengers they will likely be carrying as four doors are more expensive than two.

They must decide between front-wheel drive and rear-wheel drive. Mrs. Longhurst prefers front-wheel drive because a car being pulled rather than pushed is easier to get out of a snow bank.

Buyers must be sure the car they buy is comfortable as they will have it for three or four years. This can only be determined by driving the car before buying it.

Mrs. Longhurst strongly suggests leasing to her customers.

"It is a way to get from point A to point B for the cheapest number of dollars over a three to four-year period," she said. Buyers pay only on the amount of depreciation over the time period in which the car is leased. With leasing, buyers can look at a more expensive car, a more expensive line of the same car or a car with more options.

The buyer does not own the car in the end but the extra money he would save could be earning interest in the bank.

Buyers who are ready to purchase should find out what financing is available. Financing can be done through the bank or the dealership.

Mrs. Longhurst suggests people go to car lots on Sundays to look around. While buyers should take note of the price, size and design of the car, they should be aware that cars are not overpriced. The price you see is the going price.

When spending such a large amount of money, people should find out about several dealerships. People often ask someone where they bought a piece of clothing yet they rarely ask others where they bought a car. They feel they are at the mercy of the salesperson.

Buyers should be able to tell whether they are getting fair treatment. They should recognize whether a salesperson answers all their questions or works his way around them. Does he explain every single option and feature attached to the car? Does he try to sell his customer more car than his customer wants or needs? Is the salesperson willing to spend time with his customer at his customer's own speed?

Maybe now people will realize that buying or leasing a car can be a simple task if the right steps are taken.

EVA LONGHURST

Punk hair salon

Creating one-of-a-kind haircuts

By HEATHER JARDEN
Staff Writer

Intimidating to some, but weird and wonderful to others is the imaginative decor of the Missing Link. As passers-by turn to look at the abstract art inside the store windows their eyes are compelled to look beyond the glass into a hodge-podge of posters, pictures, graffiti and other articles which cover the walls of the Missing Link.

The Missing Link is the first punk haircutting salon in Canada, named after its owner, Peter Link.

"We are registered with the government as such," Mr. Link, 35, said.

The punk craze started about five years ago at what used to be a rummage store at 343 St. Paul St. in downtown St. Catharines. Mr. Link was bored with his life in Toronto where he worked at the Rexdale salon. Looking for a challenge he came to St. Catharines to a store that a friend owned and began his own punk salon. The salon was located two doors down from the Missing Link for 10 years before the format changed.

Mr. Link first became interested in hairdressing because he hated school and liked girls. He quit school at age 15 and took a basic course in hairdressing at Marvel in Toronto. Since then Mr. Link has travelled across Europe to places such as London, France, Spain, and Amsterdam, visiting hair shows.

One-of-a-kind haircuts are popular at the Missing Link and can only be done with certain people.

"We create just off the top of our heads, so to speak," Mr. Link said. He has conjured up many strange designs, ranging from a Union Jack flag to pink and black leopard skin. His work is so visible it stands out in a crowd.

"I can always spot my haircuts in town," Mr. Link said.

The clientele is unique at the Missing Link and includes punk band members, a brain surgeon, a minister, and about 40 customers from Toronto. Most clients are students at Brock University. Neil Peart of the rock band Rush has his hair done by Mr. Link.

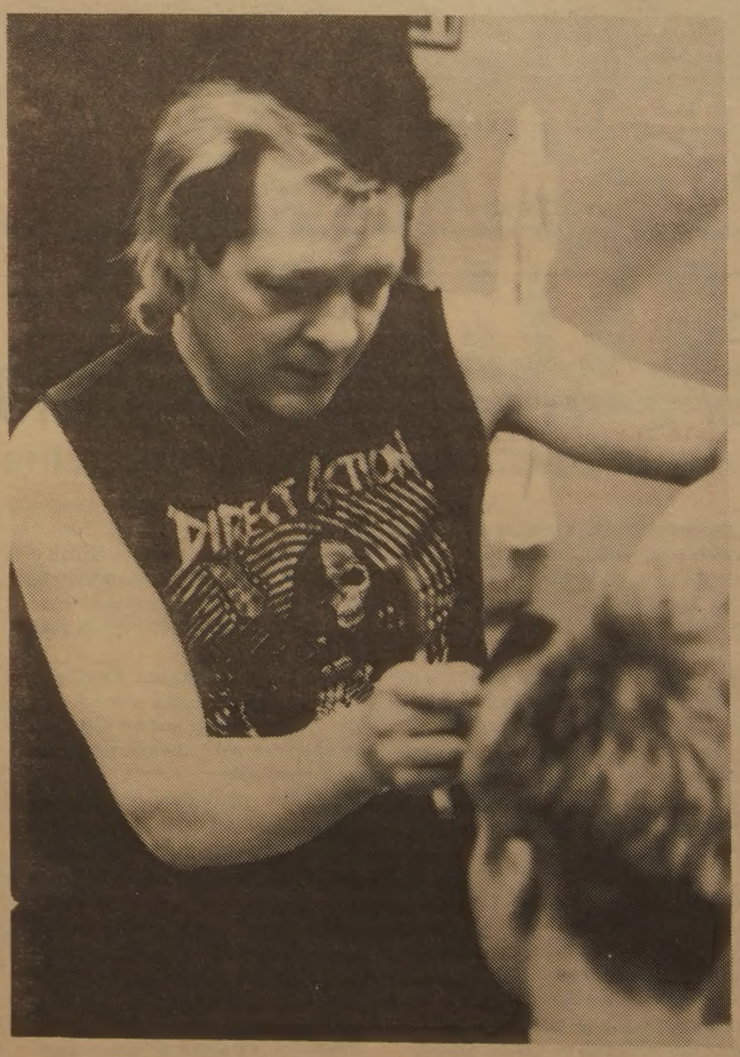
"Some Malaysian punks come from all over the world," Mr. Link said.

It costs $14 for men and $21 for women to get their hair cut by Mr. Link or one of his two creative assistants, Charlotte and Dea.

Although punk has been around for a number of years it is still the newest type of haircutting.

"When you walk into a bank and the bank manager has green hair you'll know it's all over," Mr. Link said.

The Missing Link caters to people who like to be individuals, but anyone can get a haircut there. Mr. Link said there is no reason for people to be intimidated by the salon's appearance because "once they get to know us they find out that we are just normal, basic people."



PETER LINK

Centre counsels on sex

By KAROLIN ALKERTON
Staff Writer

No one is ever too old nor too young to learn about birth control.

Confusing social beliefs build communication barriers for today's young people with decisions on sex.

Four birth control centres in the Niagara — and two referral centres — help break through this barrier.

Young people come to the centres because they are sexually active and want someone to talk with about birth control and sexuality, Wyn Kalagian, birth control centre program manager, said.

The centres are staffed by public health nurses/counsellors who provide confidential counselling on birth control methods and other related health matters. Anything that happens at the office is "strictly confidential," Mrs. Kalagian said. "Nothing goes out of the office."

Birth control

Birth control is a serious subject and many students don't regard it so, Ann Bown, public health nurse, said. Some believe the woman is too young to get pregnant, while others figure because she didn't get pregnant last time, birth control will not be needed this time either.

The St. Catharines and Niagara Falls centres offer clinical services through available doctors. Welland and Fort Erie centres are referral centres only and clients are referred to family physicians, physicians on file or to a clinic, Mrs. Bown said.

Most of the people are between 16 and 19, but "more focus" has been placed on the younger ones, she said. Teaching on birth control is done in primary schools as well as high schools. For Grades 5 and up, emphasis is on puberty and in high schools it's on relationships and decision-making.

When a young person or couple enters any of the centres no one judges them, Mrs. Kalagian said. Their first encounter is with a nurse/counsellor and, depending upon individual circumstances, proper referral will be made.

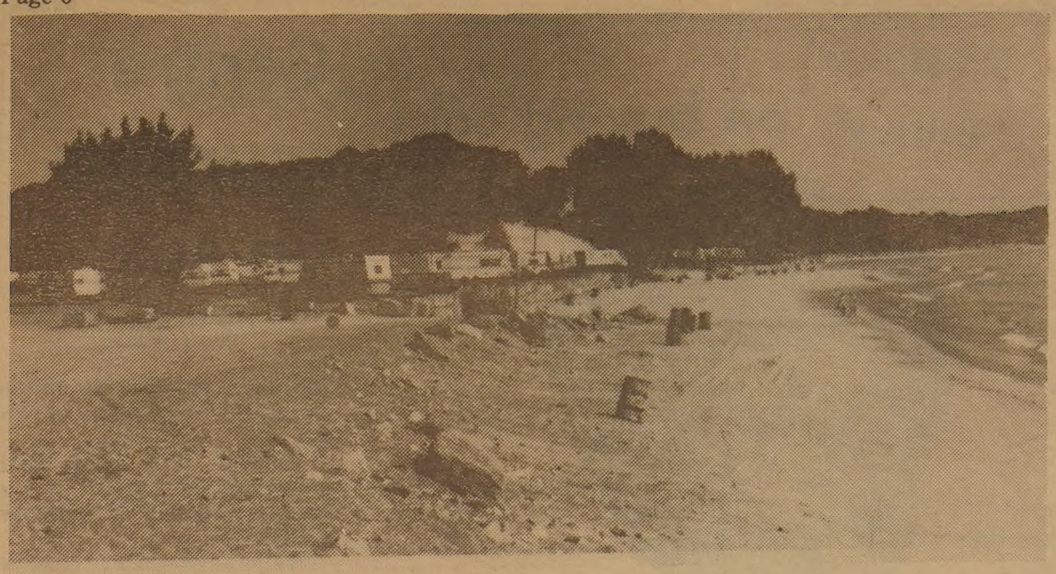
Counselling

Counselling on unwanted pregnancies is also available. Options are presented and when decision on a route to take has been reached, referral to the proper source is made. "The philosophy we want to stress is that abortion is not a method of birth control," Mrs. Kalagian said. "We are trying to prevent the need for ever having to consider abortion."

A pregnancy should not have to become a crisis situation and help in telling parents or emotional counselling is available to the couple or girl involved.

The birth control centres are sponsored by Regional Niagara's Health Services Department and fuly funded by the Ministry of Health, enabling services to be provided free.

The centres encourage people to phone or drop in if they have any questions concerning birth control, human sexuality or decision-making. The centres' toll free number is 1-800-263-5757.



The barren Sherkston Beach is a grim reminder that the festive days of summer are now just a sunny memory packed away in the corner of one's mind. Under new management, Sherkston, a 700-acre camp and resort park on Lake Erie, is undergoing major renovations which will transform the peninsula's favorite hot spot into a cool place to spend the winter.

Photo by Angela Colosimo

Sherkston offers excitement spring, summer, winter, fall

By ANGELA COLOSIMO
Staff Writer

Horse-back riding, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling, ice skating, haywagon and sled rides and ice fishing bring chilly thoughts of winter to mind.

Put these at Sherkston Resort and one will be in for a winter to remember.

With its sandy beach, one of the worlds's highest, longest waterslides, a spring-fed quarry, mini-golf, shuffleboard, tennis courts and a bar, Sherkston has been a favorite summer place for generations. It's a spot of fun and relaxation on the Canadian shore of beautiful lake Erie.

Less than five months after receiving ownership of Sherkston Resort, Glen Maxwell and Tom Collins are planning major renovations for the winter season.

"The whole park is undergoing a facelift," Ed Kaj, director of operations, said. "It's just a matter of time."

"Not only do we want Skerkston to be a family-oriented park, but also a romantic place where couples can come and spend the entire day," Mr. Kaj said.

Winter plans

Plans for the winter include a boardwalk with concessions on Wyldewood Beach, cross-country trails, horse-drawn buggies and skeet shooting.

To a degree they are tied, Mr. Kaj said. Sherkston's ecology is unique to this area, similiar only to that of Carolina shores. This puts restrictions on some of their ideas. "We don't want to lose the natural status in the park."

Considerations for summer improvement include: 500 new campsites, two or three ultra modern washroom facilities, paved roads, bicycle trails, sand dunes made into grass areas, a new entrance, music on loud speakers and movies seven days a week. "We're trying to make something different," Mr. Kaj said.

What is now a 700-acre water park and resort camp dates back to the turn of the century when the Empire Limestone Company purchased land from the heirs of the original owner, Abram Shisler. Land was also purchased from Carroll Brothers Sand Co. which operated on the present Wyldewood Beach.

It was once a village with a hotel, a store, a church, a post office and a barbershop.

The village was built of several hundred inhabitants including the 250 men who worked at the limestone quarry.

By 1918 the Empire Limestone Company ceased operations.

Remnants of the past exist at Sherkston including Fiddler's Green Cemetery with grave stones dating back to the mid 1800s, the old church's horse stable, spring water wells and a pump which was recently retrieved from the bottom of the quarry.

In 1945 Auburn Arthur Holman purchased the park with its four kilometres of sandy beach from the Empire Limestone Company.

In May of 1985 for $3.75 million Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Collins purchased what is now the largest privately owned beach in Ontario.

Bingo old-fashioned, seniors travel, party

By JOE McCARTHY
Staff Writer

How will I fill in my time productively, was a question Louis McDermott asked himself as he contemplated early retirement at age 60.

Forced to consider his circumstances, Mr. McDermott pondered the question after Horton Steel, a division of Chicago Bridge and Iron, located in Fort Erie, offered its senior employees the options of early retirement while the company was in an 18-month protracted strike with its production workers.

Initially, the idea for some form of volunteer work was raised in a small group seminar which Mr. McDermott had participated in as part of a church-sponsored Renew program in the fall of 1984.

After attending an open house at the Senior Citizen Day Care Centre, Mr. McDermott enrolled as a volunteer.

Mr. McDermott and eight other volunteers, have been sharing their time with the senior citizens at the day care centre over the last nine months.

When asked what he enjoyed about his volunteer service, Mr. McDermott said, "It keeps me busy. I am helping others and I am enjoying it myself."

There is a wide range of activities to keep everyone occupied in the program from handicrafts to a kazoo band with time for sing-a-longs and simple exercises. Parties and coffee breaks help to change the pace of the daily program. There are travel excursions throughout the Niagara to senior citizens' centres in Chippawa and Sunset Haven in Welland.

Among the games enjoyed by the senior citizens are Trivial Pursuit, Password and Table-Top Shuffle Board. "This group is not into bingo," Mr. McDermott said. "It's too slow."

To the wonderful surprise of the volunteers, close bonds have formed between them and the seniors enrolled in the program. "It's like we are one large family," Mr. McDermott said.

Since January, the seniors have made 20 excursion trips around the peninsula.

When a group of children from the local YMCA children's day care visited with the senior

MARY BETH REBSTOCK

citizens, they were asked to describe what a senior citizen is. The children, ranging in age up to seven, described seniors as people who had grey hair and flabby arms.

Mary Beth Rebstock, 25, coordinator for the Senior Citizen Day Care program in Fort Erie, said the program has been well received by the senior citizens and by the community of Fort Erie,

"Senior Citizen Day Care assists those who are caring for senior members of their family. It gives them some time for themselves."

Preparations are under way to celebrate the Centre's first anniversary this December. To date, $600 has been raised by holding a garage sale.

Students unwanted

Employment opportunities that Niagara students have at trade shows such as the IEEE's Electronicom '85 may soon be limited.

In a suite in the hotel connected to the Toronto Convention Centre, where Electronicom '85 was held last week, Dan Hamilton was selling space for a trade show to be held in September 1986. Students are not invited.

Ottawa-based promoter Ron Connelly has held successful trade shows in Ottawa in the past and has now decided to run a show alternately to the IEEE's show every second year. Mr. Hamilton, who works for Mr. Connelly, sees the absence of students as an asset to a trade show.

Canadian High Technology Week '86 will not be open to students because most companies find them undesirable, he said. The trade show will be strictly buyer/seller-oriented — students who are interested in potential employers or information about a company do not fit into this bracket.

Two weeks after Mr. Connelly's announcement the IEEE announced that Electronicom will be held every year instead of every second year.

Since many firms are small and the costs of attending such a show are high, a choice between the two will have to be made. If it is true that more companies prefer the exclusive buyer/seller concept, the Electronicom is bound to suffer, as well as the students who benefit from these shows.

Although there has been talk of setting aside certain hours especially for students, Mr. Hamilton is not optimistic. "If there are no buyers around, the salesmen operating these booths will pack up and leave. There will be nothing for the students to see."

More senior citizens

Programs geared to meet seniors' needs

Latest government statistics indicate that the number of senior citizens in the population is increasing. As a result, community social agencies are planning to meet the needs of this growing segment of our population.

In the Niagara Region there are 14 programs tailored to meet the needs of the senior citizen.

Postal Security Alert provides an element of security to those seniors and handicapped persons living in their own homes in the community. Postmen alert relatives if an older person is not seen for some time.

Meals on Wheels offers a volunteer delivery service of nourishing meals at a reasonable rate.

Home Help Services assists senior citizens and handicapped persons with the maintenance and upkeep of their homes or apartments to enable them to remain in the community for as long as possible.

Home Sharing offers senior citizens living alone the opportunity for companionship and sharing a home.

Senior Volunteers in Service utilizes the valuable resources retired persons have gained through their lifetime collection of skills and experiences.

Lunch Out provides senior citizens with the opportunity to have a nutritious meal at a reasonable cost in the company of their contemporaries.

Adopt-A-Grandparent is an intergenerational program designed to bring children of the community together with residents of the regional homes to enrich the lives of both.

Pen Pals offers an opportunity for senior citizens to communicate with their contemporaries by corresponding within the region and abroad.

Foster Grandparent Program provides meaningful social interaction between senior citizens and children with special needs in the community.

Talk-A-Bit provides older and handicapped persons living alone in the community the security and enjoyment of regular telephone contact.

Satellite Home Careprovides the benefits of living in a community based setting while having access to the services offered by a Home for the Aged.

Friendly Visiting offers senior citizens living in the community the opportunity of friendship and support in a one-to-one relationship.

Senior Day Care extends the facilities of the Home to seniors in the community during day time hours.

Vacation Care permits families providing care for a parent or relative the opportunity for a vacation and or a change of pace; it also provides a change of pace for the senior living in the community.

This information can be found in a booklet produced by the Regional Municipality of Niagara, Senior Citizens Department, 2201 St. David's Road, P.O. Box 1042, Thorold, Ont., L2V 4T7.

For more information on elgibility for any of the programs contact the Senior Citizens Department at the toll free number 1-800-263-7215.

Niagara Falls: world class tacky souvenir capital

By ELIZABETH LeREVEREND
Staff Writer

Niagara Falls is the honeymoon capital of the world, but it could be the tacky souvenir capital as well.

Sure, Provo, Utah has its Turd Bird, tourists in Nova Scotia can buy real shellacked bullfrogs, Banff sells moose droppings attached to a card saying, Thinking of You, and Camrose, Alberta, tourists bring back pink poodle weather forecasters, but only in the Great Niagara can tourists buy a Niagara Falls, Quebec, Canada coffee mug made in Taiwan.

A world class tacky souvenir must meet certain criteria. It must serve no useful purpose. It should be too big to hide discreetly in a corner, or too small to use. It must be made of artificial materials. A tacky souvenir is almost never made in the country where it is sold.

Certain criteria

Most tourists just want something inexpensive that says Niagara Falls on it, a clerk at a Victoria Avenue gift shop said. T-shirts and sweatshirts are the best selling items.

Last summer many souvenir outlets dropped their prices to boost sales, and some bargains could be found. On Victoria Avenue a plastic Mountie holding a flag with one red stripe, one white stripe and no maple leaf anywhere sells for $1.98 in one store, $3.99 in another.

The tackiness of some items astounds even the people who sell them. "I don't even know what this is," a clerk said of one plastic item. "Maybe it's a stir stick."

On Clifton Hill a clerk tried to explain a plastic chicken with spoons in its tail and Spooning For You In Niagara on its side. "I don't know what you'd call it," she said. "Some of this stuff is just so horrid."

Some traditional souvenirs are still around, such as plastic mounties, Niagara Falls plates and cushions, paper weights that snow when turned upside-down and Indian dolls.

One store sells "squaw dolls"-- a term native groups find offensive -- made in Hong Kong for $5.99 or Canadian-made for $8.95. Another place still sells Chuck and Di engagement coffee mugs from 1981.

Over-sized items are popular with tourists. Giant combs, pencils and toothbrushes are big sellers. Giant ceramic frogs outsell the pink pigs, fire hydrants and Elvis busts at a Clifton Hill shop. At the same store, a clerk said "tiny Last Suppers sell like crazy"and the "wooden dwarf with toothpick holder" is popular at $1.50.

World travellers may buy loud shirts in Hawaii, Eiffel Tower replicas in Paris and have their pictures taken with the palace guards in London, but in the tacky souvenir capital, the choice of a memento is almost endless.

NOT SO...

In Bristol, England, C.I.Innocence was found guilty of forging cheques totaling $18,000.

Orlo Miller to lecture

Historian, journalist and best-selling author Orlo Miller will speak at the college on Wednesday.

Mr. Miller will lecture on Mayan Indian history before a general elective, Mysteries of the Mayas.

Mr. Miller is the author of The Day Spring, a book on mythologies and facts in South and Central American Indian cultures. He wrote two books on the Donnelly family of Lucan, Ont., The Donnellys Must Die, and Death to the Donnellys, and a fourth book, Raiders of the Mohawk.

Students and teachers are invited to attend the lecture in room S2ll from 1:05 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. The instructor is Eugene Maltais.

Expect books sometime next month

Those waiting for the arrival of the Canadian Encyclopedia in the college library will have to wait a little longer. By press time, the encyclopedia set still had not arrived.

One set had been ordered earlier this year and even though bookstores have had it for two months, the college library is still expecting delivery some time this month.

Your father did say he expected some performance out of you this term, didn't he?

You've always depended on Long Distance to put you in touch with those not-so-near but dear to you. Now, calling Long Distance could put you in touch with a new 1986 Fiero Sport Coupe in Telecom Canada's national "Student Long Distance Contest." Four students, two per academic term, will talk themselves into a brand new, mid-engine Pontiac Fiero Sport Coupe.

Here's how to enter. Make 3 Long Distance calls, record the numbers you called on one of our entry forms, send it along and you're in business. Each additional set of three calls makes you eligible to enter again. It may not be the kind of performance Dad had in mind, but then he didn't really specify, did he?

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Draw dates: November 27, 1985 and March 12, 1986.

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Area code Number called Date called

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2 _____

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Name_____

Address_____ Apt._____

City_____ Prov._____

Postal code_____ Telephone No._____
(Where you can be reached)

College or Univ. attending_____

I have read the contest rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature_____

Rules and Regulations: 1. to enter, print your name, address and telephone number on an official Telecom Canada entry form or on an 8 cm x 12 cm (3" x 5") piece of paper, as well as the telephone numbers (including area codes) and dates of three (3) Long Distance calls* completed between August 16, 1985 and February 12, 1986. Each group of three (3) Long Distance calls may be entered only once OR, provide a handwritten description, in not less than 25 words, explaining why you would like to make a Long Distance call. Only original hand written copies will be accepted and those mechanically reproduced will be disqualified.
Mail to: Student Long Distance Contest, P.O. Box 1491, Station A, Toronto, Ontario M5W 2E8
*Calls to any point outside the entrant's local flat rate calling area.
2. Enter as often as you can, but each entry must be mailed in a separate envelope, bear sufficient postage, and be postmarked no later than February 26, 1986, the contest closing date. The sponsors do not assume any responsibility for lost, delayed or misdirected entries. Only entries received prior to the draw dates will be eligible for contest participation.
3. There will be a total of four (4) prizes awarded nationally (see Rule #4 for prize distribution). Each prize will consist of a 1986 Pontiac Fiero Sport Coupe with all standard equipment plus the following options: AM/FM Stereo Radio and aluminum cast wheels. Approximate retail value of each prize is $13,000.00. Local delivery, federal and provincial taxes as applicable, are included as part of the prize at no cost to the winner. Vehicle insurance, registration, license, and any applicable income tax, will be the responsibility of each winner. Each vehicle will be delivered to the GM Pontiac dealer nearest the winner's residence in Canada. The prize will be awarded to the person whose name appears on the entry, limit of one prize per person. All prizes must be accepted as awarded, with no cash substitutions. Prizes will be awarded to each winner by Telecom Canada. Prizes awarded may not be exactly as illustrated.
4. Random selections will be made from all eligible entries submitted, at approximately 2:00 PM E.S.T. November 27, 1985 and March 12, 1986 in Toronto, Ontario, by the independent contest organization. Prizes will be awarded as follows: Two (2) Fiero Sport Coupes will be awarded from all entries postmarked no later than midnight, November 13, 1985, and two (2) Fiero Sport Coupes will be awarded from all entries postmarked no later than midnight, February 26, 1986. Eligible entries other than the two winners of the November 27 draw will automatically be entered in the final draw March 12, 1986. Chances of being selected are dependent upon the total number of entries received as of each draw. Selected entrants, in order to win, must qualify according to the rules and will be required to correctly answer unaided, a time-limited, arithmetic, skill-testing question during a pre-arranged telephone interview. All decisions of the contest organization are final. By accepting a prize, winners agree to the use of their name, address and photograph for resulting publicity in connection with this contest. Winners will also be required to sign an affidavit certifying their compliance with the contest rules. To receive a list of winners, send a postage-paid, self-addressed envelope within three (3) months of the final contest close date, February 26, 1986 to: **Student Contest Winners, Telecom Canada, 410 Laurier Avenue W., Room 950, Box 2410, Station 'D', Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6H5.**
5. This contest is open only to students who have reached the age of majority in the province in which they reside and who are registered full-time at any accredited Canadian University, College or Post-Secondary Institution, except employees and members of their immediate families (mother, father, sisters, brothers, spouse and children) of Telecom Canada, its member companies and their affiliates, their advertising and promotional agencies and the independent contest organization. No correspondence will be entered into except with selected entrants.
6. Quebec Residents. Any dispute or claim by Quebec residents relating to the conduct of this contest and the awarding of prizes may be submitted to the Régie des loteries et courses du Quebec. This contest is subject to all Federal, Provincial and Municipal laws.

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Coin clubs not dime a dozen

By SEAN CONDON
Staff Writer

Numismatics, the study of coins and medals, has been referred to as the hobby of kings. The life numismatics has led in the last few years, however, has hardly been one of richness and regality.

"This hobby's dying," Jan Nielsen, president of the St. Catharines Coin Club, said of coin collecting. "With the exception of maybe us and Toronto, all the clubs are 10 to 15 (members) down from what they used to be. In St. Catharines, we're growing. I don't know what we're doing right."

Mr. Nielsen, 31, said the "big investor stage in the 80s," when gold and silver prices were at an all-time high, nearly ruined the hobby for good. "The investors were in it to make a fast buck and get out," he said. "As a result, a lot of collectors got hurt. They (collectors) sold to investors, and now they've got to replace what they sold...it costs too much to replace."

Silver

He said many of the low-grade (inferior quality) coins purchased by investors in the late 1970s and early 1980s were melted down for silver profit.

Therefore, a beginning collector who is trying to build up a "series" of Canadian silver dollars, one coin for each year printed, and needs the silver dollar of one particular year to fill a gap in his collection, may end up spending more than he has to because he is forced to purchase a high-quality coin. "If a novice wants a filler, he's got to spend the bucks," Mr. Nielsen said.

The investor stage is still having its effects on William Steinhoff and Rob Noyes, a couple of Welland coin dealers.

Both men were members of the Welland Coin Club, an organization which disbanded at the end of 1983, but which is trying to resume operation. Mr. Noyes, a past president of the club, said the Welland club was folded to put numismatic efforts into keeping the floundering Port Colborne club afloat.

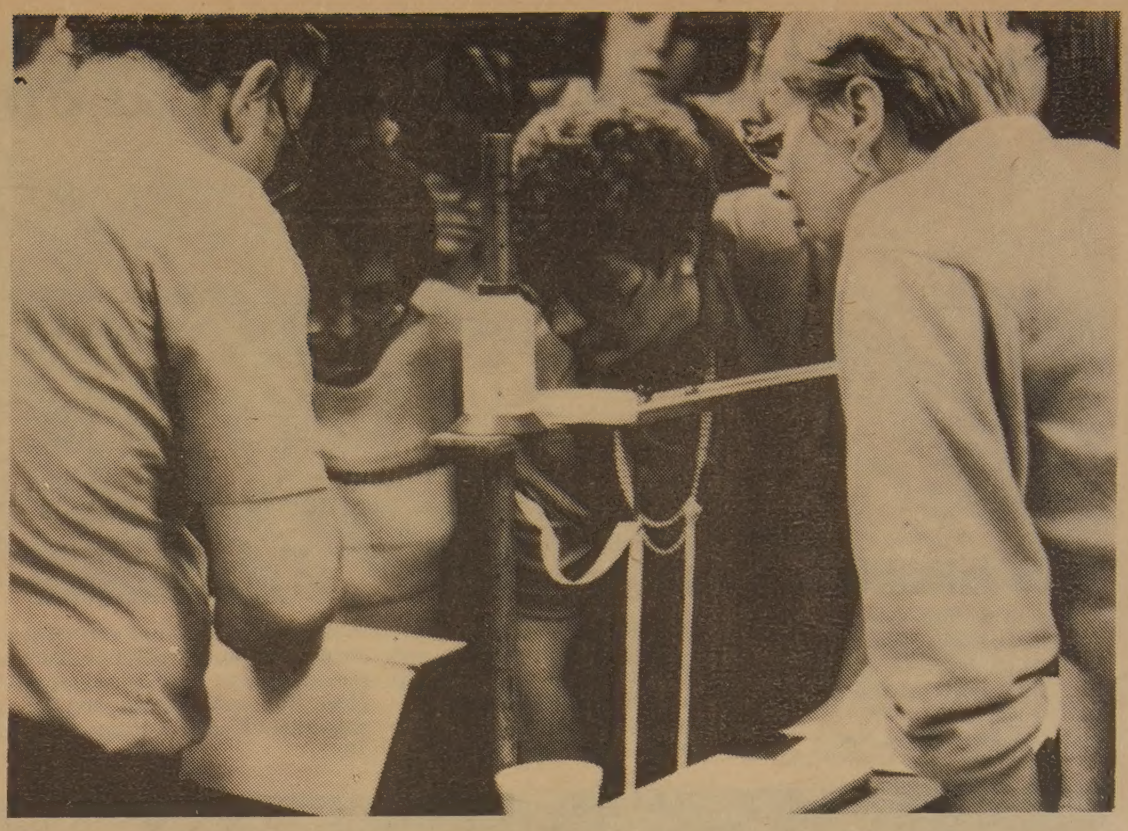
Young people

Without young people as members, clubs are going to have a hard time finding the next generation of executives and members to keep the clubs going.

Getting young people interested is one of the biggest problems facing coin clubs. Howard Hunt, membership chairman and 25-year member of the St. Catharines Coin Club, said, "The trouble in this scheme is that everybody interested is 60. There aren't any in their 20s and 30s any more. Today young people aren't getting into it."

"We have some original members...who are getting to their 70s," Gary Oblinsky, past president and librarian of the St. Catharines Club, said. "When they're gone, it will be impossible to replace those people. We're looking for that next generation, one prepared to give out the fullest amount to the club."

All are events which may help put the hobby crown back where it belongs — on the numismatist's head.



John VanHuizen, a bookbinder from St. Catharines, demonstrates the art of bookbinding to library technician students who attended a lecture on Sept. 26. Mr. VanHuizen has been a bookbinder for 41 years and he binds all the books by hand. John Suk assisted Mr. VanHuizen by demonstrating marbling, which is fancy designs done to the edges of books and also to the end papers. Both Mr. VanHuizen and Mr. Suk received their training in Holland.

Photo by Audrey Barrick

Bake sales fund trip

Start spreading the news; third-year interior design students have just two months to raise money for their trip to New York, New York.

Mari Iacovella, president of the design students' Spectrum Club, said the students have many fund-raising activities planned to help lower the per student cost from $554 to $250.

New York is one of the most expensive cities in the world to visit, but it is the centre for art right now, Mari said. The 13 third-year students plan to visit museums, design schools and art galleries.

The four-night, five-day trip is planned for Dec. 1, so New York's famous Christmas decorations will be a highlight.

A ghetto blaster will be raffled off Nov. 15 and the club plans bake sales to augment money collected from the sale of key chains and pins outside the library on most double lunches. A candy apple sale is also in the works.

Key chains may be purchased in room S-304. Design students are selling tickets now for the Oct. 30 draw.

AEC students plan events

Class raises funds to buy ambulance

By HOLLY FUGARD
Staff Writer

Students in the ambulance and emergency care program at Niagara College are not letting a lack of funds prevent them from getting an ambulance. They've got some ideas of their own on how to come up with the cash for the vehicle.

On Sept. 28 the AEC class put one of their ideas into action. Eight students from the class took part in the four kilometre Run for the Grapes race in St. Catharines. The remaining students in the class were on hand to assist St. John ambulance attendants with runners who looked like they needed help when they finished the run or were injured during the race, Frank Adamson, program co-ordinator said.

The students have a number of events planned to raise the money for the vehicle. Some possible events are a car bash, a bake sale, a blood pressure clinic and a cardiac pulmonary respiration (CPR) marathon.

To date the students have raised about $1,000, Mr. Adamson said. They are planning to put the money into a trust fund set up with the college until purchase of the vehicle is made.

NO MONEY

There is just no money in the system to afford a vehicle, Mr. Adamson said.

"It's the college budget, there is not one penny available for any program to capital equipment." Mr. Adamson said the Board of Governors is in favor of the program having a vehicle, there just isn't any money for it.

The purpose of getting the ambulance is to give the students instruction in driver training and patient care procedures in the back of a moving vehicle. It would also be used to teach loading and unloading of the patient and clinical procedures.

Every five years the vehicles are turned in and then sold through a public auction, Mr. Adamson said. He said they have an inside track at the auction so they can find out which vehicle has had a new motor put into it or in which ones the floor is falling out.

"This way we're sure we don't get a lemon," he said.

The class should be able to get a used vehicle from the Ministry of Health and have it refurbished for about about $3,000. Mr. Adamson said.

MAKE DONATIONS

Donations were voluntary from Niagara College faculty, support staff and people the students know.

We've been thinking of asking former students of the program donations but I'm not sure we can do that because we would be soliciting for funds," Mr. Adamson said.

"We have the money in our program's budget to run the vehicle with no problem," Mr. Adamson said. "We should be able to get five years use 'easily' out of the vehicle."

The ambulance and emergency care program is hard to teach without the use of a vehicle, Mr. Adamson said. But the program isn't in fear of being cancelled if an ambulance is not obtained.

"It just means the students don't get all the experience they need before going to the employer."

Mr. Adamson said they hope to have the vehicle this year. "I'd like to think these students this year can raise enough money to get the vehicle, mainly because these students are the ones donating it."

Barb Candy, ambulance and emergency care student, practises on victim Patrick Chandler, ambulance and emergency care teacher, in an ambulance "mock-up." Students are planning to have a car bash, a bake sale, a blood pressure clinic and a cardiac pulmonary respiration (CPR) marathon to help raise money for an ambulance.

Photo by Holly Fugard

Tandy 1000s approved for computer lab

Students who found it a hassle getting access to the college microcomputer labs are breathing a sigh of relief. The college's new microcomputer lab is up and running full force.

The lab, consisting of 33 Tandy 1000 computers, was approved by the Board of Governors and set up in mid-September.

Instructors can also take heart. Six stations have been approved for instructors' use too.

It may appear to be a confusing maze of circuitry and gadgets to some, but the IEEE's Electronics '85 was a vital information-gathering session for the Niagara College students who attended. The students collected literature, materials, and ideas for their upcoming technical reports.

Companies would like student preparations

By ELAINE TROJAN
Staff Writer

A resume and a smile may not be enough for students doing their job-hunting at trade conferences. Many of the organizers and attendants at Electronicom '85 last Wednesday agreed that students should take time to prepare themselves before approaching a company that interests them.

Among those attending the trade show in Toronto, which was sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, were several third-year technology students who brought their resumes with them.

Some of the firms that rent booths are receptive to job-hunting students. But many are beginning to consider students a nuisance.

Lisa Boyle, one of the organizers of Electronicom '85, said salesmen are only interested in making contact with buyers. She works for EEMAC (Electrical, Electronics Manufacturers Association of Canada.)

Students who have not prepared specific, intelligent questions are not presenting themselves in the best possible light, said Dick Kincaid, a salesman at a booth for ITT Cannon.

" 'Tell me about your product' is one of the worst questions to ask. It puts us in a tailspin — we don't know where to begin."

Mr. Kincaid suggested that students do some research on the companies they wish to approach so that they would not appear ignorant.

Ernie Welling, also of EEMAC, said many companies have stopped making literature available because some students pick up everything in sight and later dump it in garbage cans at the exit of the convention centre.

Mr. Welling said another problem is that these companies are here to sell. The costs of booth rental, attendants, promotional gimmicks and literature can amount to more than $50,000. The firms expect to make a profit on this investment in the form of sales and contacts with buyers.

Students who interrupt a promising transaction to ask even well-thought-out questions cannot expect to be greeted with open arms. Mr. Welling advised students to visit only uncrowded booths and to use perception when a salesman is busy.

Parents of local handicapped asking for college students' help

The Niagara Regional Parental Relief Program is looking for responsible people to help families of individuals with special needs, and students of Niagara College are one group of potential candidates.

The relief program is holding orientation sessions in Port Colborne and St. Catharines this month to find people willing to act as service providers in the Niagara Region for people with special needs, including the mentally and physically handicapped.

A service provider is someone who is willing to care for a person with special needs for an evening, a weekend or up to three weeks while the person's family is on vacation or decides to have an evening out. There are two kinds of service providers: in-home relievers, who come to the home of the client to act as a sort of sitter, and out-of-home relievers, who take a client into their home.

"We would like to see a lot more college or university aged students acting as service providers for those with special needs," Marian Lensink, program co-ordinator, said. She said that though service providers can be as young as 16-years-old, there are families who have used the service

MARIAN LENSINK

"who would like to see someone a little older," about the 20-year-old range.

There are five orientation sessions in each city, one every Tuesday. The sessions include guest speakers on mental retardation, physical handicaps like epilepsy and child abuse.

Prospective service providers are subject to an interview in their homes and must consent to a medical assessment and a police check. There is a chance during the orientation sessions to earn a first-aid certificate, which Mrs. Lensink said a provider "would have to have by the end of the course."

Mrs. Lensink said there is "some renumeration" for service providers, though duties "are not to be considered a part-time job." She said relief persons are needed in all parts of the region to help people with a variety of special needs, mostly the mentally retarded.

The sessions will be held in St. Catharines at Denis Morris High School on Glen Morris Drive starting Oct. 22, and in Port Colborne at the drop-in centre above the Clay Hut, 26 Charlotte St. The sessions begin at 7 p.m.

Anyone interested in attending the orientation sessions can call Marian or Linda in St. Catharines at 684-3303 or Anna or Ann in Port Colborne at 835-2921 Monday to Friday during normal business hours.

THAT'S STRONG

The cohensiveness of spider's silk is greater than that of steel.

Helping students aim of Career Library

Students who need help in school, finding out how to get a job or those who just want to broaden their horizons, should visit the Career Library in the Niagara College Learning Resource Centre. Many people are unaware of the many resources and materials the library has to offer.

Mary Farrar has worked in the career library for five years and is more than willing to help anyone. The career library is operated under Bette Ferguson, director of student services.

In the career library students can look into study skills, peer tutoring and career information.

With the help of tape recorders, tapes, headsets and handouts, students can learn a variety of study skills including time management, learning better listening skills, or how to study for exams.

Peer tutoring is offered through the counselling office but the career library is used for the sessions. It is free to all students who feel they need help and anyone who wants more information should contact the career library or the counselling office.

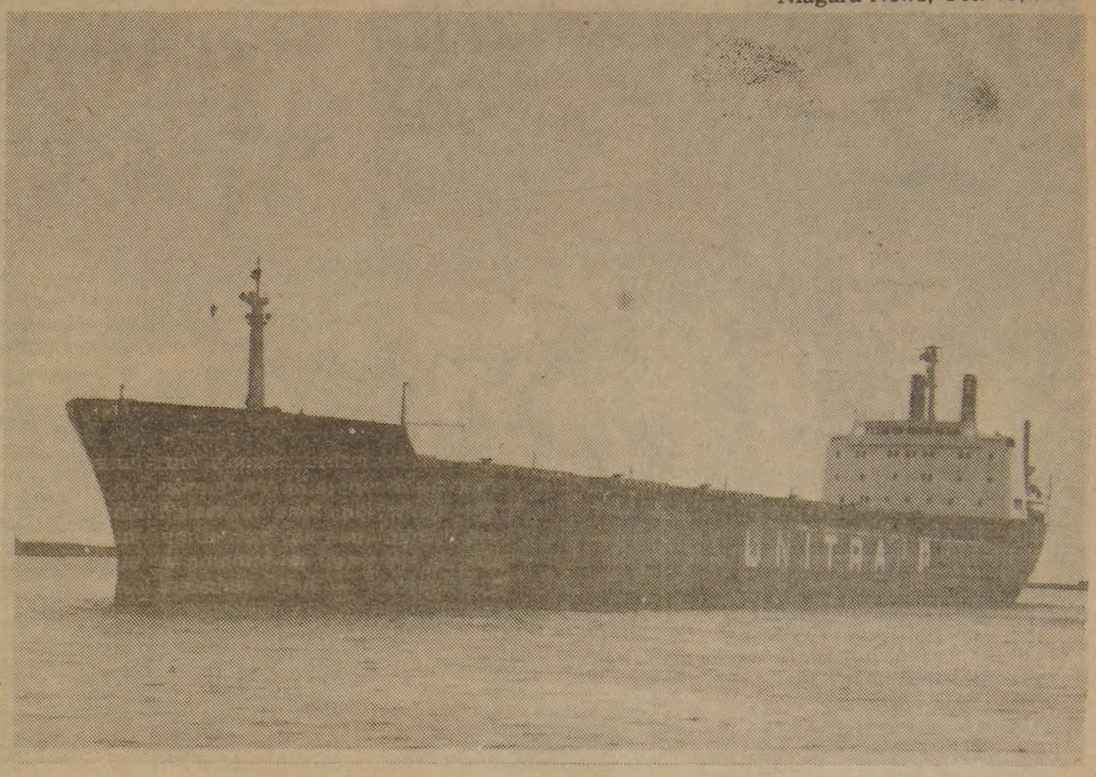
Career information provides students with career selection, self-help interest tests and material on resumes and job hunting.

The women's resource area, within the career library, provides information on women's issues, is well stocked with books, pamphlets and reports and offers counselling services.

The career library also offers seminars throughout the year on such issues as assertiveness, stress and communications, Mrs. Farrar said.

A new program being offered by the Niagara College Educational and Student Services and operating out of the career library is New Options for Women, or project NOW.

This program is for women on family benefits who want to come back to school to upgrade and find jobs. The program, which runs for two-week sessions, is free for women who qualify. NOW also enables participants to become involved in other programs offered at the college, some of which are also free.



Foreign visitor passes through

MS Eglantine, of the Uni Tramp Lines out of Dunkerque, France, comes through the gap to enter the Welland Canal at Port Colborne bound for Europe with a cargo of grain.

Photo by Joe McCarthy

Hi-Tech program opening new doors

Women who do not have a background in science, math or technical subjects, but who want a career in the field of technology, now have the chance to through a program called Hi-Tech Prep for women.

Shirley Roberto, counsellor for the program, said, "Women today are finding that the types of jobs open to them are far different from previous times." Many of the traditional and clerical jobs women held in the past are now closed because of high technology.

Hi-Tech Prep, which is part of the Technical Upgrading Program (TUP), is a certificate program and is designed to prepare students with little technical training for studying in the medical and technical fields.

Eighty per cent of last year's graduates have gone into post-secondary diploma programs such as chemical engineering technology, health records technician and medical lab technology.

Cecile Gauthier, a graduate of the program and electronics engineering technician student, said, "Without the Hi-Tech Prep course, I would probably not make it in the electronics program."

This is the second year of the program. There are 44 students in the 32-week program, more than last year. Mrs. Roberto said the program is offered to women but men can apply. Last year there were three men in the program and this year there is only one man.

The program is offered at no cost to the student by the Ontario Ministry of Skills Development and all textbooks are loaned to the students.

Bette Ferguson of educational and student services is the co-ordinator of the Hi-Tech Prep for Women program.

Logo contest offers $250

The Canadian Organization of Campus Activities is offering a $250 cash prize for a Logo Design Competition. The contest is open to any COCA member, undergraduate and graduate students and staff.

Two samples of each design must be submitted. One must be in black and white and one in color, with a two-color maximum. Entries cannot exceed 8½ X 11 inches smooth art boards, and the design design should not be more than 6 inches in its longest dimensions or smaller than 4 inches in its finished form.

Entries must be post marked by Nov. 20. They should be submitted to COCA Logo Design, Fanshawe Student Union, 1460 Oxford St. E., London, Ont., N5W 5H1.

Anyone wishing further information can contact John B. Young at 1-519-453-3720.

Real estate big bucks for wise investors

By L. SCOTT HILL
Staff Writer

There are only two proven ways of getting rich quickly. A person can have a wealthy relative leave all his money to him when he dies, or he can win a lottery, Keith Watters, real estate expert said.

Mr. Watters represents R.H.H. Consultants Limited, a company which teaches people how to invest successfully in real estate. The company uses an intensive training program with home study kits which include 12 hours of recorded lectures for its course, How To Really Make It In Real Estate.

During the introductory seminars, one of the hardest things Mr. Watters has to do is retrain people to get them to forget about the get-rich-quick attitudes they have developed. "One of the reasons the masses are broke is because they believe in the fast buck," Mr. Watters said.

However, there is a way to make a great deal of money which has proven itself for years. That method is real estate.

Basic theory

Most people claim to know the basic theory behind making money in real estate. That is, to buy property at a low price and them sell it at a higher price.

"Unfortunately, most people don't fully understand that concept," Mr. Watters said. "What they they wind up doing is buying when the price is high and hope to sell higher.

By doing this, they usually end up going broke, Mr. Watters said. He used what happened in Florida a few years ago as an example.

Before the fuel crisis of the late 70s, Florida property was selling at an average of $90,000. When the crisis hit and no one could afford to go to Florida, people started selling these properties for an average of $30,000. And at this time, land was hard to sell.

"A couple of years later, the fuel situation cleared up, and the value of Florida real estate shot up to $120,000 a piece. Now the masses started buying like crazy - before they missed out on losing all that profit.

If someone followed the principle of buy low and sell high, they would only have to own 10 properties when the price went back up in order to become a millionare," Mr. Watters said.

Risky business

The same thing happens with trading in gold or the stock market. When prices are low and steady, nobody is buying. Once the prices increase, the masses buy like crazy.

"If you do what the masses are doing, though you think you are right, you're going to go broke," Mr. Watters said.

He advises against dealing in the stock market to become rich.

"Don't invest in stocks. I had a friend who invested in stocks — he's now a millionaire; only thing is, he was a multi-millionaire before he started," Mr. Watters said.

To become a millionaire in real estate takes time, an average of five to eight years. But if all the steps of this course are followed, a graduate will become rich.

"There is some risk involved in dealing with real estate, but you have to have the courage to put your butt on the line in order to succeed," Mr. Watters said. "And through proper education, you develop the courage."

With how to invest in real estate safely, the course covers matters like creative financing, handling real estate agents, how to create a good credit rating, and buying property with no money down.

Although there are no guarantees, if what is taught in the program is followed properly, and the person has the courage and patience to go through with his plan, there is no reason for failure.

New opportunities for today's women

One hundred and ten women are enrolled in a free program at the Welland and St. Catharines campuses of Niagara College this fall.

TUP, or Technical Upgrading Program, is designed specifically to to train women without science, technical and mathematical skills in order that they can enter further technological training.

Through its counselling program it is also designed to make women more aware of the available opportunities in the technical job market.

Bette Ferguson, director of student services, is the administrator of the local program and was responsible for obtaining the funding grant, George Blazetich, chairman of horticulture/adult basic education division at Welland Vale, said.

All 22 Ontario community colleges have begun this relatively new affirmative action program, mandated by the Ministry of Skills Development, from an open fund, Mrs. Ferguson said.

Mrs. Ferguson obtained $260,000 from the ministry to fund the program and may get as much as $40,000 more for a total of $300,000.

The courses in the program range from computer skills training including microcomputer training on an IBM PC in BASIC, accounting, data-basing and word-processing, to mathematics and chemical and physical science.

The admission requirements are open for some of the courses and range up to Grade 12 and two years of business experience for the Computer Skills Training For Women Program. Sessions vary from 10 weeks to 32 weeks for the Hi-Tech Prep for Women course.

Parking dilemmas

Oh where oh where can the parking spaces be found, oh where oh where have they gone ...

The tune may be familiar but to some students the words seem to fit the scene.

Jack Spittle, manager for plant services, warned against illegal parking. "We are watching it very closely to see if the numbers warrant corrective action."

"An actual count has been taken and we are about 50 or 60 cars away from having enough space available for the students' cars."

Commenting on people whose cars occupy more than one space, Mr.Spittle said, "People who don't park properly and occupy more than one space will automatically receive parking tickets."

Two Niagara students organize girls' soccer

When Heather Ritchie began her studies last year at Niagara College she was disappointed to find that the college did not have a women's soccer team.

Well, now it does. Well, sort of.

Heather, a second-year journalism student, said because the athletic department could not afford the funding of a women's soccer team she decided to organize a team herself.

The team is not associated with the college athletic department, although 15 of the 18 players are enrolled in the college. "It's not a Niagara College team because we couldn't get funding from the college since the athletic department made their budget in April," Heather said. The team is called the Niagara Selects.

Heather and Sheryl Wymenga, a student of the health care aid program, are responsible for the organization of the team. They went out and got sponsors which "took a lot of time and begging," Heather said.

Stop 19 sponsors the shorts and socks and Records On Wheels provides the shirts.

NOT OFFICIAL

Because it is not an official college team, it is not entered in league play; therefore, exhibition games and tournaments are being arranged.

"We're planning a tournament for Oct. 26 and 27 and we hope to get about eight teams from colleges and universities from Ontario and New York State," Heather said.

Heather is considering asking the Student Administrative Council for help to pay for referees and other items.

The Selects are coached by Rob Wymenga, a student at the Welland Vale campus, and Luigi DiLorenzo. The team has been practising two nights a week for the past three weeks.

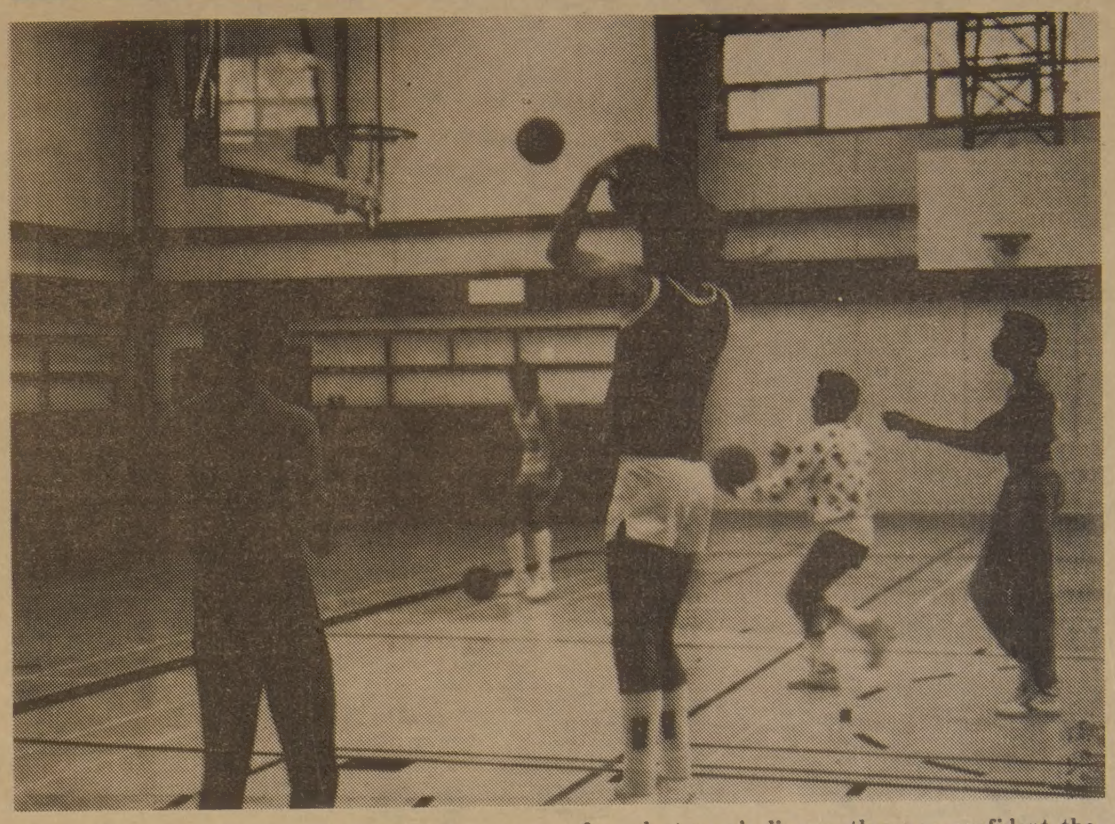
The Selects were triumphant in their first contest in Hamilton with a hard-fought 2-1 victory against Mohawk College.

Lori McQuiggan scored both goals for the Selects. The first goal came on a penalty kick in the first half. Lori's second goal came midway through the second half on a breakaway. Soon after Mohawk scored its lone goal.

The team is trying to arrange a game with Brock University and a return match with Mohawk.

Sports

Soccer / Basketball



Players from the men's basketball team shoot baskets before their after-school practice. Although the team has only one player returning from last year's lineup, they are confident the season will be a successful one.

Photo by Angus Gillespie

OK, Blue Jays!

Forty Niagara students went to Exhibition Stadium to see American League division champions Toronto Blue Jays vs Boston Red Sox Sept. 25. Pictured above from left to right are Roger, Andre, Karen and Dave. The Jays lost 6-4 in 14 innings — that time. Photo by Nancy Roach

New head coaches work hard towards season's challenges

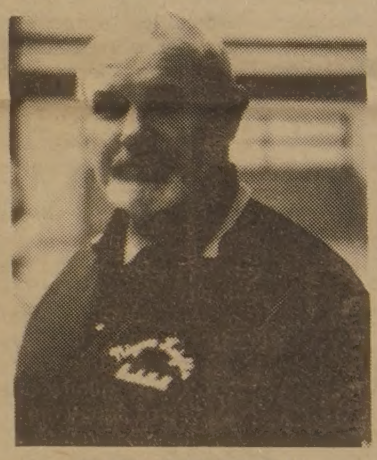
The men's basketball team will face its first challenge on Friday when they travel to Toronto for an exhibition game with George Brown College.

The Knights are a young team, with only one player, Marty Fitzgerald, returning from last year's lineup. The team has a new player from Mohawk College.

Russ Stevenson and Barry Golob share the head coaching duties. It is a new idea of having two head coaches in Ontario college basketball, Mr. Stevenson said.

Last year's head coach retired and left the door open for Mr. Stevenson and Mr. Golob.

Mr. Stevenson was the Knights' assistant coach last year and before that he coached the women's basketball team for nine years. In his final year the team won the Ontario pennant.



RUSS STEVENSON

Because most of the girls were graduating that year, Mr. Stevenson felt it would be an opportune time to leave, while the team was on top.

The men's team began practising Sept. 30 and the team has 12 players. "The team is small, but we're fast," Mr. Stevenson said, in referring to the height factor. "The tallest player is six foot seven and we have a couple of guys who are six foot four."

The Knights are entered in three tournaments so far, including the Colt Classic, held at Centennial College. The tournament is regarded as the best in Canada, with teams from the eastern provinces, Quebec and Ontario entered, he said.

The Knights will play 22 league games and about 16 exhibition and tournament contests.

Sheridan College won the title last year and should be strong contenders this year.

Critelli is optimistic about basketball team

The women's basketball team is off to a slow start this year, but once they all get out together they will be a good ball club and have some very competitive games, athletic instructor Mizette Critelli said.

"I have 12 players on my roster and I have yet to see them all on the court.

Last year Miss Critelli learned that recruiting from the local high schools is a must, but she feels she didn't do a good job of it this year.

There are three returning players: Mary Gaudet, Donna Rose, and Donna Czainski.

"I'm looking for a lot of leadership from those three individuals," she said. I've got a good squad. We have a lot of desire and untapped talent."

Karen Golob, a three-time Ontario Women's Intercollegiate Athletic Association all-star from Guelph University, is the assistant coach this year. Miss Critelli is very pleased to have her.

Miss Golob is the coach of the Niagara Nationals, a regional basketball team in St. Catharines.

Niagara's first league game is Nov. 1 against Algonquin College in Ottawa. The team will have three exhibition games and two tournaments before Christmas and one tournament after Christmas – in addition to regular league games.

"Fan support is very poor," Miss Critelli said.

Last year there were only one or two spectators per game. The team gets the most support all year when they invite the players' parents out.

It would be a good idea to have late buses on game nights so that students could stay, but they have to ask for that, she said.

"The students have to want to participate."

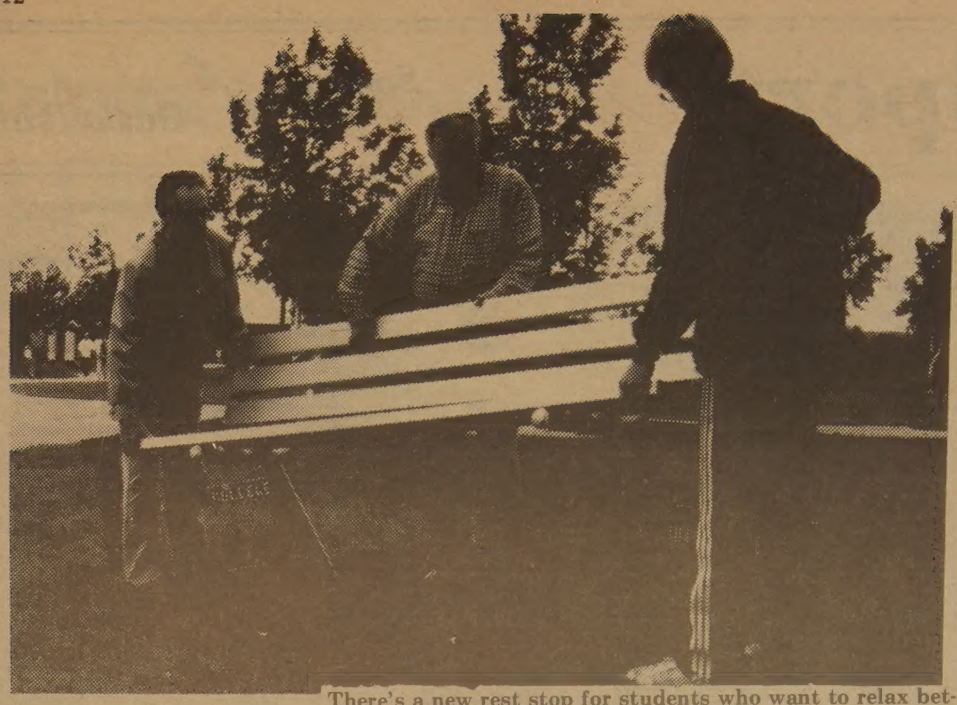
An icy situation

It looks as if it will be a long year for the Niagara College hockey team. The Knights, once again coached by Fred Bassi, have suffered heavy losses because of graduation and defection to local Junior B squads.

"Our biggest problem is lack of depth," Mr. Bassi said. The team will go with just five defencemen and 10 or 11 forwards.

The team has played two exhibition games and been thoroughly defeated in both. The Knights were beaten 13 to 3 by Sheridan College. "We have been within two goals of them the last couple of years," Mr. Bassi said. The Knights were also beaten 12 to 1 and outshot 51-19 by Humber College.

The St. Bonaventure Brown Indians appear to be the team to beat once again this year. St. Bonaventure have captured the league crown the last three years. Penn State, a new entry to the league, also will ice a competitive squad.



Relax!

There's a new rest stop for students who want to relax between classes. Donated by last year's Student Administrative Council, this bench is being installed by maintenance supervisor Ed Thompson, custodian Bruno Degazio and handyman Chris Root for those in need of a break from studies.

USC helps people of Bangladesh stand on their own two feet

By MICHELLE MUYLAERT
Staff Writer

Many dream of changing the world, making it a better place to live. Few have the strength and determination to pursue these dreams. Patricia Ann Phillips has devoted many years of her life trying to make dreams reality.

Ms. Phillips, program officer for Bangladesh for the Unitarian Service Committee (USC), spoke of her experiences at Niagara College on her first fund-raising tour.

USC, founded by Lotta Hitschmonova in 1945, is a voluntary development agency which focuses on community development in underdeveloped countries of the world, including Botswana, Indonesia, Lesotho, Nepal and Swaziland.

In contrast with other charitable organizations, USC is concerned not with giving hand outs, but with helping people in practical ways. From the beginning Dr. Hitschmonova stated publicly, "USC's ultimate aim is to give self-confidence. People do not want charity, what they ask is help to stand on their own feet. Ms. Phillips agrees, "We believe in helping people help themselves."

NO STRANGER

No stranger to Bangladesh, Ms. Phillips worked as a CUSO field officer there from 1979 to 1981 creating proposals for social development. In her new role as program officer for Bandladesh she hopes to help the country that has been described as "a basket case."

At first glance Bangladesh would seem ideal agriculturally. It has a tropical climate and rich fertile soil which provide a year-round growing season. However, Bangladesh is plagued with over crowding. Less than twice the size of New Brunswick, it houses 93 million people, making it one of the most densely populated countries in the world. Eighty million people live below the poverty line and 50 million of those live in absolute poverty with a per capita income of less than $100 yearly.

The problem in Bangladesh is social, not technical, Ms. Phillips said. Ninety per cent of the population are farmers and live in rural areas. Seventy-five per cent of the farmland is owned by 20 per cent of the people. Bangladesh's poor rely on tenant-landlord situations where they work the land for the landlord in return for a meagre share of the crop. Landlords are not interested in increased food production because they have free labor working their land and get 50 per cent of the yield. As a result crop land remains vastly unproductive, and the poor go hungry.

USC is attempting to give the people of Bangladesh some hope, to show them their lives can be improved if they work as one.

"Individually they are powerless against the system," Ms. Phillips said. "Together they are strong."

USC works with the landlords, leasing 10-acre plots of their land for periods of five to 10 years. Groups of 10 families work together under the guidance of a USC appointed leader who is one of the villagers. Each individual is given a $100 interest free loan which gives them access to irrigation, fertilizer, and better seeds. To show their dedication to the program each person must contribute 15 cents a week to the program for the first three months.

FOOD DOUBLES

Food production is being doubled in villages through this program which has 22,000 families involved in a variety of programs to make them self-sufficient.

Overcrowding and low food production are only parts of the problem.

Illiteracy among the people mar their ability to grasp new ideas. More than 80 per cent of the Bangladesh people cannot read or write. To help combat this problem, everyone involved in USC programs must enroll in literacy courses which allow them to absorb new ideas about farming and child care.

EDUCATE WOMEN

One of USC's top priorities is to educate Bangladesh women. Because they are ignorant to the understanding of disease and what causes it, many children are dying unnecessarily, Ms. Phillips said. Minor infections like diarrhea are killing millions.

USC provides women with courses in basic nutrition, family planning, health care and home gardening.

USC Canada's 41st annual fund-raising and speaking tour hopes to raise $5 million in funds to support urgently needed programs in developing countries. Donations are accepted at all branches of the Bank of Montreal and USC Canada's office at 56 Sparks St., Ottawa, K1P 5B1.

Perhaps Ms. Phillips sums up the situation best with these simple words, "The Bangladesh are beautiful, hard-working people who want to have pride and confidence in themselves as human beings. They want to live not merely to survive."

Opening doors

Student work terms in Ottawa get "a foot in the door" and provide excellent references for work after graduation, Rosemary Cawthorn, a co-operative education co-ordinator, said.

She was commenting on seven Niagara students who worked in Ottawa for the federal government this summer.

Two of them — Jeannette Mariage and Lucie Dallaire, second-year bilingual secretary students — spoke of their experiences to first-year secretarial arts students Oct. 8.

Lucie's duties included typing and answering the telephone in her position at the Refugee Department for Canada Employment and Immigration. She found her mistakes were a valuable part of learning.

"My first week was terrible; I hung up on a lot of important people."

Jeannette spent her work term doing clerical duties at Parks Canada. She found the time spent in Ottawa provided her with excellent work experience and a lesson in life.

Both were hesitant about leaving family and friends, but were relieved to find other nervous students from all over the country. The government employs co-op students from all over Canada for work terms in Ottawa. Students from foreign countries, like Vietnam, also spent their work term in Ottawa.

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